

which George chaired. When Dan presided at the NoVA Labor Federation, George knew the numbers and he knew the people. He worked hard for consensus, but allowed those with opposing views about candidates and/or issues to get their points across without folks becoming alarmed or challenged.

Long discussions with Cathy Hoffman, a boss at Liberty Mountain Resort in near Gettysburg, of the triumphs and challenges of their teenage kids. Many stories of George, the very patient instructor of the most timid skiers. Many ski instructors are prima donnas, but not George. George's name is still on the instructor schedule at Liberty for this winter. They can't seem to take it off.

Kelly Kurtyka also instructed at Liberty. She tried her son, Spenser, at skiing at the age of three. His response of "It's really cold, Mommy" devastated her. The next year, Cathy put Spencer with George Burke. "Mr. George" worked on his own time and waved his magic wands, and Spencer joined his family as a great skier. George brought him stuff from skiing in Switzerland, and Spenser drew pictures of him in school.

After George travelled across the U.S., he met Sharon the Nurse, who, "took him into the woods." Great couple for hiking, kayaking, camping in New England. Not many spouses are blessed with a partner who loves the outdoors so. That worked really well for Sharon and George for 45 years.

With different knee and ankle strengths, Sharon lost her downhill ability, but cross country skied a lot. George was better at downhill and loved it, and taught it. Still, he often cross country skied with Sharon.

None of us can quite remember what George was like before he had two cell phones, on in any environment. With the blue tooth in his ear in New England, a little kid walking down the beach noticed that his arm was raised: George's hand with the phone in it, way up to get better reception. An hour later the kid came back and noticed that George's arm was still in the air.

George and Sharon were a team, and you could see that whenever and wherever they were together, more often at Labor events than political ones.

While folks in local politics never knew where he got the time, George was a five star dad. He changed the diapers. Mom nursed on the weekends and dad was full time. Skiing of course, but also an indulgence in swimming, crew, marching band at Jeb Stuart. The Burke kids loved the outdoors with their parents.

None of George's kids got the political infection. But they did get his love of music: the Allman Brothers, Eric Clapton, B.B. King. They still mostly do the music. The youngest however follows more rap and ski boarding.

Family holidays were always a very big event with them. Sharon will especially miss the big holiday related events.

In the spring, Sharon will take Georges' ashes on a two hour hike to his favorite ravine in New England.

When you get the vocation for public service, it can be joyful and rewarding. But you will miss a lot, mostly your wife and kids; and they'll miss you. This is a great country for public service: on the Hill, for the union, and in state and local politics. For almost 250 years, this nation has followed the path to ever more democracy. Rarely as good as spending all your time with your family, and certainly better than leaving your family a fortune, you can leave them a better country to live in. George Burke very much did that.

After he last got out of the hospital, George wanted a party, sort of an early Irish Wake. Some said he wanted his kids to know what he did; some that he wanted to critique

whatever we all said. His editing eyes are very much on my shoulder. We will still have George's party, maybe in January. Lots more of the best we know of him and very little of grief. Do you know many people who had such a good run?

Whenever I needed advice or had a question for 30+ years, every voice mail or e-mail got an immediate answer. Nobody else ever does that.

In writing this, I spoke to more than 30 people. Not all were included specifically here; but they brought a flood of great adjectives. Everyone said "true friend."

The list of candidates and campaigners who got great advice from George would take many pages. If you are reading this, you are probably one of them.

Whatever you think about after death, the memory of George is softly etched in all of our hearts. He will continue to live in each of us as we remember him almost every day.

Susie Warner with photo of smiling, skiing George on mountain in the west: "I love to remember George like this."

#### HONORING MR. JOSE HURTADO

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 7, 2015*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jose Hurtado, a faculty member at Napa Valley College, who is retiring this month after 38 years of service.

Mr. Hurtado's family immigrated to the United States in 1958. I had the pleasure of growing up with Jose, who went on to earn degrees from Napa Valley College, UC Davis, and Sacramento State College. He was the first in his family to earn college degrees, and his younger siblings quickly followed his lead.

In 1977, Mr. Hurtado began work as a counseling assistant at Napa Valley College. In 1980, he became the first Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) Counselor hired to a tenure-track position. Nine years later, in 1989, Mr. Hurtado moved to the Counseling Department. He subsequently served as Division Chair of Napa Valley College's Counseling Department, before working temporarily as the school's Coordinator of the non-Credit Matriculation Program. In 2003, Mr. Hurtado moved back to General Counseling on the Napa campus, and began working with the school's student-athletes in 2010. In 2013, Mr. Hurtado became Coordinator of the combined Career and Transfer Programs at Napa Valley College.

Over the course of his 38-year career, Mr. Hurtado earned numerous awards and accolades. He was elected to the Napa Valley Unified School District Governing Board in 2004, and in 2011, he joined Community Action Napa Valley, an organization of which he is currently Chairman. Last year, Mr. Hurtado was appointed by California Governor Jerry Brown to the Napa Valley Expo Board of Directors, and in 2015, he became a member of the Napa County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Looking back, Mr. Hurtado is especially proud of his children and grandchildren, his U.S. citizenship, and his election to the school board. His children's weddings remain among Mr. Hurtado's happiest moments. He remains lovingly quirky to the community, reading four newspapers every Sunday and cheerfully

interacting with Napa Valley students on a daily basis. Next year, Mr. Hurtado plans to complete a 500-mile trek on Spain's ancient Camino de Santiago trail.

Mr. Speaker, Jose Hurtado has devoted nearly 40 years to his community and to the education of our young people. He has demonstrated exceptional character, confidence, and compassion, and his community has benefited enormously from his efforts. For these reasons and others, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

#### PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 7, 2015*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the victims who were killed during the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy. Seventy-four years ago today, more than 2,000 American citizens lost their lives and more than 1,000 others were injured in a surprise attack by the Imperial Japanese Navy.

The attack on Pearl Harbor shook our nation to its core. Up until this point, the United States had largely remained neutral during the Second World War. However, as a testament to our strength and our resolve, the United States declared war against the Japanese and entered World War II just one day following the attack. Contrary to what the Japanese had intended, the attack had only emboldened our nation to forge our own path to victory.

Tragedies such as the attack on Pearl Harbor serve as a stark reminder of the great personal sacrifices that our men and women in uniform must make in the service of protecting our nation. While many soldiers are fortunate enough to return from service, plenty of others have given up their lives in the act of duty. We are forever indebted to these men and women who have given their lives to protect our freedoms and way of life.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is also about paying tribute to those who served—and survived—during the attack. Petty Officer Doris "Dorie" Miller was one such American who fought bravely during the conflict. Petty Officer Miller displayed remarkable courage when his ship, the USS *West Virginia*, came under attack. As the fighting occurred, Miller dragged his ship's commander, who was mortally wounded by shrapnel, out of the line of fire to safety. He then manned a 50-caliber Browning anti-aircraft machine gun and shot down at least three of the 29 Japanese planes that went down that day until he was ordered to abandon ship. While Petty Officer Miller survived the attack on Pearl Harbor, he sadly lost his life during a second attack during the Battle of Makin Island when a Japanese submarine and aircraft attack sunk his ship.

Mr. Speaker, the attack on Pearl Harbor was a defining moment in United States history. Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day helps to remind us of the importance of defending our freedoms and the heavy cost of doing so. We are reminded on this day of those who lost their lives, but also the countless other veterans—such as Dorie Miller—who have made

invaluable contributions to our success during the Second World War.

CONGRATULATING AND HONORING  
ALAN NAKANISHI

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 7, 2015*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Mr. Alan Nakanishi for receiving the Lodi Distinguished Citizen Award from the Greater Yosemite Council, and the Boy Scouts of America. I would also like to personally thank him for his years of service working to better the city of Lodi and the state of California.

Raised in California's state capitol, Sacramento, Alan attended Lincoln School and Jr. High School. In 8th grade, he joined the Boy Scouts of America where he learned many valuable life lessons including always being prepared. Alan successfully reached the rank of First Class and desired to become an Eagle Scout; however, he chose to be involved in sports instead. With much respect for the Boy Scouts of America program, Alan still actively participates by being a speaker for several clubs.

After receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree from Pacific Union College in 1961, Alan continued on to study at the Loma Linda University graduating in 1965 with his Medical Degree. He completed both his medical internship and Ophthalmology Residency from the University of Southern California Medical Center. He later received his Masters of Health Administration from the Virginia Commonwealth University and the Medical College of Virginia in 1990 and 1991.

During Alan's early life, he served as a Captain in the United States Army where he was stationed in Texas. After earning his medical degree he served another two years as Major and led the surgical department as Chief of Ophthalmology for the McDonald Army Hospital in Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Alan Nakanishi had many extensive roles during his medical career including Chief of Ophthalmology, Retinal Fellowship at the Pacific Medical Center, Chief of Staff at Dameron Hospital, President of Dameron Hospital, co-founder of Delta Eye Medical Group and a significant member of the American Board of Ophthalmology.

Alan's political career in California has been substantial. In 2001, he was elected to the Lodi City Council and was selected Mayor of Lodi by his fellow Council members. In 2002, Alan was elected to the California State Assembly and was a member of several committees. He served as the vice-chair of Health, Labor and Employment. Alan was also a member of Appropriation, Higher Education, Rural Caucus, and the Legislative Sporting Caucus. His time in Assembly ended in 2008, and in 2010, Alan was elected to rejoin the Lodi City Council. Only two short years later he was selected again to serve as the Mayor of Lodi.

While Alan's accomplishments are outstanding in the work force, it's his community involvement that is tremendous. He served as a Rotarian, church school board member, church officer, member of the country Ground

Basin Authority, alternate member of the Delta Protection Commission, and a member of the Delta Coalition Committee.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and recognizing Alan for his unwavering leadership and many accomplishments and contributions. He has a great dedication for the people and community he has worked so hard to help.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 7, 2015*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,787,992,446,946.88. We've added \$8,161,115,398,033.80 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

BECAUSE WE ALL NEED MORE  
HUMAN CONNECTION: HONORING  
THE WORK OF LILLIAN ROYBAL  
ROSE

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 7, 2015*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my sister, Lillian Roybal Rose, who made a career of leading nationally acclaimed cross-cultural leadership awareness seminars and workshops which fostered greater understanding between people of diverse backgrounds, and helped lay a foundation for a more peaceful multicultural future.

For over 35 years, Lillian taught her workshops to academic, corporate, civic, and community groups. Her ultimate goal was to increase participants' self-awareness and help them establish mutual understanding and respect for others. She did this by creating a safe and supportive environment for participants to learn how internalized oppression affects thinking and attitudes, and how the resulting patterns of behavior affect communication between individuals, within groups, and between groups.

When Lillian developed this workshop in the late 1970s, it turned the then-current diversity training model of "blame and shame" on its head. Her workshops relied on practical theoretical models based on psychology and ethics, and on interactive and experiential activities that allowed participants not merely to engage their minds but to open their hearts.

This workshop approach, coupled with Lillian's ability to see and bring out the best in people, helped participants build powerful frameworks for effective long-term cooperation and communication, and enabled them to reclaim pride in their roots through the exploration of shared experiences.

Lillian understood that the key to appreciating others is developing a better understanding of ourselves. When we can define

and recognize forms of oppression that affect all of us, we can begin to relate to each other as individuals and build alliances.

Over and over again, I have met individuals from across the country who have expressed their gratitude for my sister's work. Those who have participated in her workshops have told me countless times, "She has changed my life and made me a better person."

While my sister is retired and no longer presents her workshops, she has been convinced by many of those same participants to give a farewell presentation. On December 12th and December 13th on the campus of the University of California at Santa Barbara, Lillian will present an encore workshop. People from different parts of the country will again be there to experience Lillian's brilliance, compassion, authenticity, and humility as she takes this final opportunity to share her life's work.

Lillian has said of the people who participated in her workshops, "We gave, and continue to give each other support and hope that we can reach a fair and just society, where all can be treated with dignity and respect, have equal opportunity, and where we can love and celebrate our differences. My love and thank you to all."

Mr. Speaker, I have been blessed to have Lillian as my sister, and I am proud to join Lillian's colleagues and friends for her encore workshop and in honoring her life's work.

HONORING GEORGE H. RYDER

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 7, 2015*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor George H. Ryder, of the Lake County Board of Education, who is retiring after 39 years of dedicated public service.

In 1974, Mr. Ryder joined the Konocti Unified School Board of Trustees, a post he held until 1979. Subsequently, on December 10, 1981, he assumed office as a member of the Lake County Board of Education. In his 34 years on the Board, Mr. Ryder served numerous times as both President and Vice-President, and consistently provided the board with tremendous leadership, unshakeable poise and thoughtful recommendations.

In total, Mr. Ryder has dedicated 39 years of service to the children of Lake County and the surrounding areas. He has demonstrated an unmatched commitment to education, children, and community service, and has touched the lives of countless young people. Mr. Ryder's community has benefitted enormously from his efforts.

Mr. Speaker, George H. Ryder has had a long and uncommonly distinguished career in public service. December 9, 2015 marks his final day as a member of the Lake County Board of Education, and it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today. We wish him the best in retirement.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all